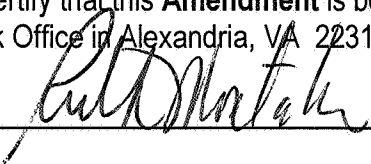


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2007, applicants provide the following response and comments:

The Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement directed to two groups of claims.

Group I is directed to a method for adjusting fluid delivery volumes, classified in class 436, subclass 180. Claims 1-9 fall within this group, according to the Examiner.

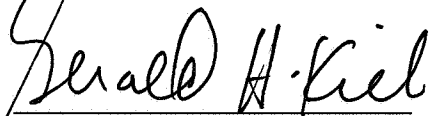
Group II is directed to multi-channel metering apparatus, classified in class 422, subclass 100. Claim 10, according to the Examiner, falls within this group.

Applicants traverse the requirement for restriction. Notwithstanding the different classifications and the fact that the claim groups relate to method and apparatus, applicants believe that all of the claims are part and parcel of a single invention which should be prosecuted in a single application. Accordingly, the requirement for restriction should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Since an election of claim groups must be made, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9, for further prosecution in this case if the restriction requirement is not withdrawn.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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